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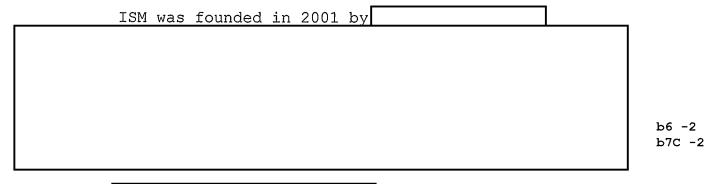
Details: The International Solidarity Movement (ISM) claims to be a "Palestinian-led movement of Palestinian and international activists working to raise awareness of the struggle for Palestinian freedom and an end to Israeli occupation" (quoted from palsolidarity.org, ISM's official website).

ISM states that it "utilizes nonviolent, directaction methods of resistance to confront and challenge illegal
Israeli occupation forces and policies....we recognize the
Palestinian right to resist Israeli violence and occupation
via legitimate armed struggle." "This movement aims to
support and strengthen the Palestinian popular resistance by
providing the Palestinian people with a resource,

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international protection and a voice, with which to resist nonviolently an overwhelmingly military occupation force."



Chronicle Weekly Journal," "The Palestinian resistance must take on a variety of characteristics - both nonviolent and violent. But most importantly it must develop a strategy involving both aspects. No other successful nonviolent movement was able to achieve what it did without a concurrent violent movement...the Black Panther Movement and its earlier incarnations existed side-by-side with the Civil Rights Movement in the U.S."

### ISM STRUCTURE

ISM claims to be a movement, not an organization, and welcomes all organizations, groups, and/or individuals who agree with ISM's principles.

ISM organizes direct actions in Palestine and coordinates the travel and activities of "internationals." Internationals are simply people from any country (including U.S. citizens) who support ISM and are willing to travel to Palestine and engage in direct action such as dismantling roadblocks, intervening at Israeli checkpoints, commandeering checkpoints, and serving as a human shield for Palestinians. ISM hosts "Campaigns against the Israeli occupation of Palestine." The first campaign in Palestine was in August 2001, and a "Summer Campaign" in Palestine has been organized by ISM every summer since, and the next campaign in Palestine is being held from June 25, 2004 - August 19, 2004. ISM campaigns are not limited to the summer time, others have been hosted throughout the past years.

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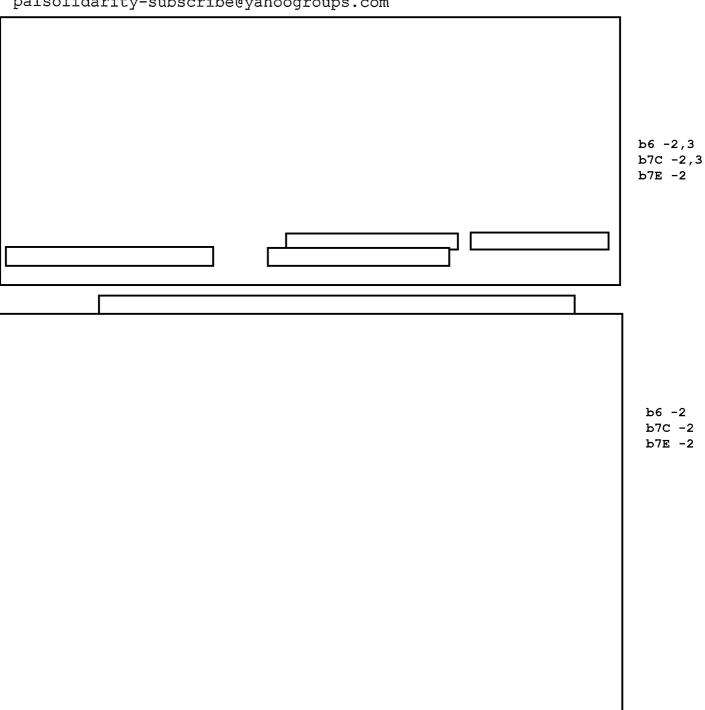
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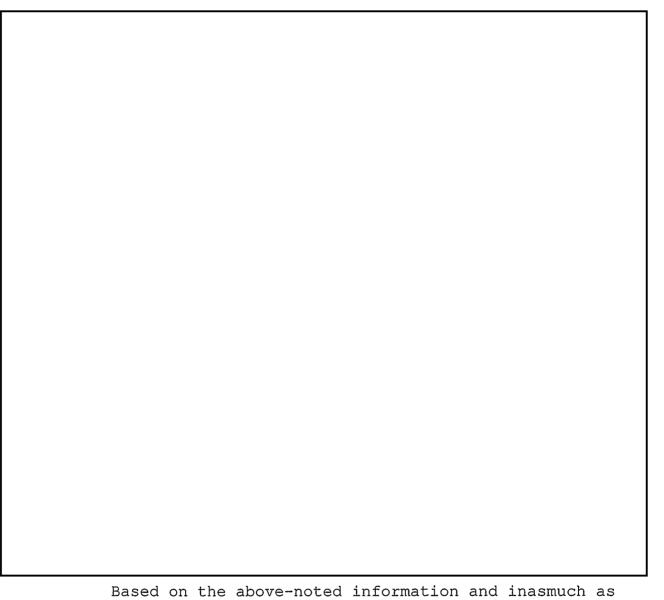
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An international email list exists for people that want to stay apprised of ISM activities. Subscribers get approximately one ISM post a day. In order to get on the list any interested party need only send an email to: palsolidarity-subscribe@yahoogroups.com



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Based on the above-noted information and inasmuch as "facts and circumstances reasonably indicate that two or more persons are engaged in an enterprise for the purpose of furthering political or social goals wholly, or in part through activities that involve force or violence and a violation of the criminal laws of the United States" has occurred, in accordance with the Attorney General's Guidelines, requests the ADIC's approval for the initiation of a

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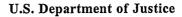
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### THE INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY MOVEMENT TERRORISM ENTERPRISE INVESTIGATION

#### I. PREDICATION

The International Solidarity Movement (ISM) states that it "utilizes nonviolent, direct-action methods of resistance to confront and challenge illegal Israeli occupation forces and policies...we recognize the Palestinian right to resist Israeli violence and occupation via legitimate armed struggle." "This movement aims to support and strengthen the Palestinian popular resistance by providing the Palestinian people with a resource, international protection and a voice, with which to resist nonviolently an overwhelmingly military occupation force." ISM considers Palestine to be ancestral land within the State of Israel to be illegally occupied by the IDF and the Government of Israel (GOI). A key element of the ISM is a network of organizations located throughout the United States that support the ISM in its mission. U.S. citizens who are members of these support groups travel to the Palestinian Territories as part of the ISM.

The FBI Los Angeles Field Office (LAFO)
Terrorism Enterprise Investigation (TEI) into
the ISM Predication for this investigation is
based upon the activities of the ISM and the statements of its
leadership, to include: 1. planning domestically to travel to a
foreign country with which the United States is at peace to
destroy property in that country, a violation of neutrality laws;
2. document and identity fraud to facilitate travel to Israel;
and 3. associations and support of a variety of domestic and
international terrorist groups by ISM and its leadership. '

Inasmuch as the following facts and circumstances reasonably indicate two or more persons are engaged in an

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enterprise, the ISM, for the purpose of furthering political or social goals, wholly or in part, through activities that involve force or violence and violation(s) of criminal law(s) of the United States of America, it is requested that authority be TEI. granted to renew L

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This TEI, conducted in accordance with the Attorney General's Guidelines, is requested to ensure a pro-active investigative approach to detect and prevent any ISM planned acts of terrorism or other TEI related criminal activity.

#### II. BACKGROUND

ISM was founded in 2001 by and several Palestinian individuals,	
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the primary leaders of ISM within the United States.	b6 -2,3 b7C -2,

ISM claims to be a movement, not an organization, and welcomes all organizations, groups, and/or individuals who agree with ISM's principles. According to their own brochure, "ISM is not an organization, but rather a movement which all organizations, groups and/or individuals who agree with our principles can join." "Many ISM support groups around the world assist the ISM by disseminating information, recruiting and training individuals to join us." As a result there is a large number of smaller, local groups that fall under the greater ISM umbrella of the ISM movement.

ISM organizes direct actions in Palestine and coordinates the travel and activities of "internationals."

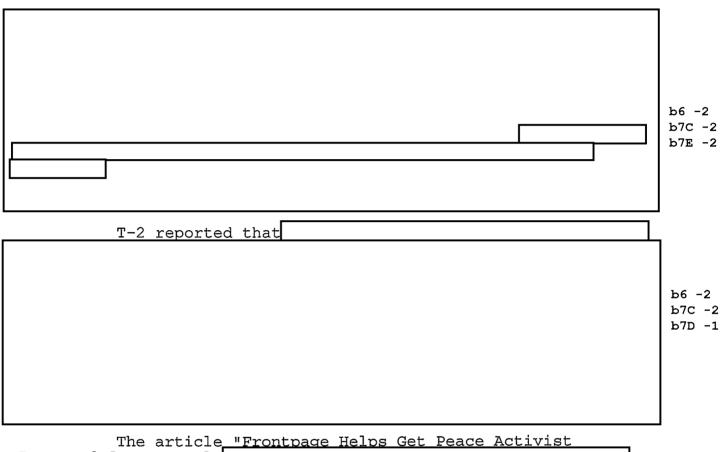
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Internationals for ISM's purposes are people from any country other than Israel (including U.S. citizens) who support ISM and are willing to travel to Palestine and engage in direct action such as dismantling roadblocks, intervening at Israeli checkpoints, reporting on the location and activities of Israeli forces, commandeering checkpoints, and serving as a human shields for Palestinians. ISM's goal is to take advantage of their belief that the Israeli authorities are hesitant to retaliate against the internationals out of fear of a political backlash or loss of international support. ISM hosts "Campaigns against the Israeli occupation of Palestine." The first campaign in Palestine was in August 2001, and a "Summer Campaign" in Palestine has been organized by ISM every summer since, with the most recent Summer Campaign in Palestine being held from June 25, 2004 - August 19, 2004. ISM campaigns are not limited to the summer time. Others have been hosted throughout the past years, including the Fall Olive Harvest Campaign in 2004. T-1 provided

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The article "Frontpage Helps Get Peace Activist

Deported from Israel" stated that during the summer of

2004, seventy three (73) ISM members were caught and legally deported at Israel's frontiers. The article stated that there were approximately one hundred (100) ISM members from the United States that went to Israel in 2003. The article also stated that an unidentified reporter attended an ISM training seminar held at the Faisal Internet Hostel near the Damascus Gate in Jerusalem. The training contained the following activities planned for the ISM Freedom Summer 2004:

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"Roadblock Removal: ISM members were instructed to dig out piles of rocks and dirt that the IDF uses as roadblocks to stop suicide bombers. This would be done by hand, but "local coordinators" promised to arrange for a bulldozer whenever possible. The local coordinators are organized by the Palestine

Liberation Organization (PLO) in each area to coordinate actions with the ISM."

"Hassle Checkpoints: Groups of three to four ISM members were instructed to observe IDF checkpoints of their choosing and to distract and "hassle the soldiers," so as to allow Palestinians to bypass checkpoints whenever possible."

"Human Shields: ISM members were asked to join Palestinians in sneaking around checkpoints, breaking curfew and protesting. ISM trainers advised that "the checkpoint watch will get more heated when ISM members argue with soldiers in an attempt to get Palestinians through."

"ISM trainers advised that when Palestinians could not get through, they should act as "human shields for Palestinians", to help them pass. In the words of one ISM trainer, "Soldiers will be less likely to shoot or use violence when Westerners are present. Usually, they also carry a camera or video camera, because filming soldiers often makes them leave."

"ISM members were also encouraged to act as human shields and stay in the family homes of terrorists, or in houses scheduled for destruction..." The article went on to speculate that some of these houses might have been used for bomb making factories.

"Observing Troop Movements: ISM trainers assigned some of the volunteers to engage in "Spotting and reporting IDF troops in military operations and reporting their whereabouts to armed Palestinian units.""

The article stated that trainer introduced himself at	ISM
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that the ISM's main strategy is to use citizens from other	
countries against the Israeli army." also said	
Palestinian terrorists distinguish ISM participants from oth	er.
Westerners who could be considered threats or targets becaus	e ISM
has many contacts throughout the West Bank and Gaza, and con	tacts
in every village that inform various terrorist groups operat	
or living in those areas who is working with them. He said	
ISM does not interfere with the actions of terrorist groups;	

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however, occasionally a wanted terrorist will pass by ISM meetings or outposts and ISM members are instructed to be courteous and exchange greetings.  $\cdot$ 

There have been multiple incidents where U.S. citizens	
who traveled to Israel and the Palestinian Territories as ISM	
activists have been arrested or detained by the Israeli Defense Force (IDF). One such arrest occurred on when the	
IDF was pursuing of Islamic Jihad	
who was alleged to be involved in the recruitment of suicide	
bombers, laying land mines, and sniping. fled to a	
building that served as the ISM office in Jenin. The ISM	b6 -3
coordinator in the office refused to allow entry	b7C -3
to the IDF. As a result the IDF entered the office and arrested	
both In addition, according to an article (Solidarity With Terrorists, Front Page	
Magazine, April 17, 2003) a search of the ISM premises following	
the arrests uncovered a pistol and a cache of Kalashnikov rifles.	
Subsequent media reporting has stated that the IDF has since	
recanted on the weapons discovery. However, LAFO has not yet	
acquired an official report on this incident from the Israeli	
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is a known ISM activist from southern California.  and was one of the principal organizers for	b6 -2 b7C -2
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Information posted to  reported that  was arrested by the Israeli Defense Forces in Israel at 8:00  AM local time during a protest near the city of Qalqiliyah.  is reported to have been injured during his arrest and was said to be held at Ariel Settlement Prison. Text of the posting, which listed  as Los Angeles contact, follows:	] b6 −2 b7C −2
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is a known ISM activist residing in Los Angeles, California. She posted an online journal indicating that she was in Israel during	<b>7</b> b6 -2
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affiliated New Jersey Solidarity (NJS), was	]
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On 10/24/2003, FBI Newark received a complaint from a who advised that a friend in Israel had e-mailed a flyer to him which was critical of Israel and was seeking money for terrorists. The flyer was for a rally to be held at advised that the flyer had a picture of sulcide bombers on it. The flyer stated that the name of the organization was New Jersey Solidarity of the Palestinian Solidarity Movement. The organizer of the rally was listed as	b6 -3,5 b7С -3,5
a known ISM activist,  was arrested and subsequently deported from Israel along with  ISM activist, by Israeli authorities  In Huwara on unspecified charges.	b6 -2 b7C -2
activist from Newport Beach, California.  reported that she was arrested for violating Israeli law during repeated entries into the country between traveled to Israel under a fake name after being deported.	b6 -3 b7C -3
Rachel Corrie - Rachel Corrie was an ISM activist from the U.S. who was killed in Rafah on 03/16/2003 when she was run over by an Israeli bulldozer while acting as a human shield. The event was highly publicized and has served as a rallying point for the pro-Palestinian movement. The ISM claims that Corrie was killed deliberately as she tried to protect the home of the family of a Palestinian suicide bomber. The Israeli position is that the operator of the bulldozer did not see Corrie and the incident was an accident. Some media reports have suggested that Corrie was instructed by Palestinian terrorists to protect that home because it was also the location of one of the tunnels that are used to smuggle weapons across the Egyptian border to Hamas and Islamic Jihad ("Solidarity With Terrorists", Greg Yardley, Front Page Magazine, 04/17/2003).	
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was deported from Israel following the event.	b6 -3 b7C -3
Al-Ahram Weekly reported on about two American students who traveled to the Palestinian territories to assist resistance efforts against the Israelis.	b6 -3 b7С -3

At the end of the siege all of the activists were arrested by the Israeli army. were subsequently held for twenty (20) days in an Israeli prison before being deported.	66 -3 67C -3
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is a known member of the Northern California ISM Support Group in California. is an active ISM who has traveled to the Palestinian Territories as and ISM activist.	ъ6 -3 ъ7с -3

#### C. FINANCES

Up until October 7, 2004, ISM was soliciting 501c donations and was requesting that financial contributions be sent to the following addresses:

Afric	a Fund		
c/o:			

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G & G & H & N (ISM)
Bank Hapoalim - Main Branch Tel Aviv 600
Account No. 360883
Swift HAPOALILIT
Palestine Investment Bank
76-411
Account No. 78266

According to ISM's website, as of October 7, 2004 ISM was requesting that tax-deductible donations be sent to:

Middle East Children's Alliance (MECA)

905 Parker Street Berkeley, California, 94710

Telephone: (510) 548-0542

Checks were requested to be made out to MECA with "ISM Pal" written in as the memo.

ISM participates in fund-raising events, often along with other Islamic organizations. On 10/13/2004, an event was scheduled in Berkeley, California in which Palestinian and Israeli doctors were going to speak on the health effects of the occupation on civilians. Tickets for the event cost between \$10 and \$20 and proceeds would benefit MECA and the ISM.

It was announced at the Fourth National Conference of the PSM at Duke University in October, 2004, that scholarships for travel to Israel with ISM could be obtained from Direct Action Palestine. Direct Action Palestine in a New York based ISM Support Group.

### D. GEOGRAPHICAL DIMENSIONS

There are a variety of ISM Support Groups located throughout the United States. The following groups and contacts have been established as falling under the ISM umbrella:

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#### CALIFORNIA

### -Los Angeles

Stop U.S. Tax-Funded Aid to Israel Now - Los Angeles (SUSTAIN-LA)

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Palestine Solidarity Committee P.O. Box 3345 South Pasadena, CA 91031 PalSolidarity@aol.com

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-San Francisco

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-Bridgeview

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-Olympia info@ismolympia.org www.ismolympia.org				
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E. ASSOCIATION WITH OTHER DOMESTIC TERRORISM GROUPS				
Ruckus Society				
Seattle Division reported on 4/11/2002 that, according to the Ruckus Society's own press release and other Seattle based members of the Ruckus Society departed Washington state on 4/9/2002 and successfully arrived in Jerusalem where they intended to join ISM in order to serve as human shields to protect the Palestinians from the IDF. As of was continuing his support of the ISM by traveling around the United States as the principle speaker for the Stop the Wall Campaign.				
The Ruckus Society is a left-wing organization that carries out and instructs other protestors with a diverse range of causes how to engage in violent and non-violent civil disobedience. They describe themselves as the "nation's boot camp for civil disobedience." Many of the techniques taught by the Ruckus Society are clearly intended to break laws. The Ruckus Society is currently the subject of a Terrorism Enterprise Investigation out of San Francisco.				
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was reported in the New York Daily News Online Edition, published as being a member of ISM. known to be a violent anarchist, is also associated with	b6 -3 b7C -3 b7E -3
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The ISM goes by many names, such as Al-Awda, Stop U.S. Tax-Funded Aid to Israel Now (SUSTAIN), Direct Action Palestine, and the Palestinian Solidarity Movement. ISM purposefully keeps itself loose-knit in order to make it more difficult to trace their activities and funding.	
Every year for the last four years there has been a National Student Conference of the Palestinian Solidarity Movement. The Palestinian Solidarity Movement (PSM) is another name for the ISM. The Fourth National Student Conference of the Palestinian Solidarity Movement occurred on October 15-17, 2004, at Duke University.  were listed on the website for the Fourth National Conference of	b6 −3 b7c −3

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the PSM as spokespersons for the conference.

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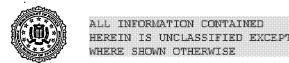
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

April 8, 2005

INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY MOVEMENT (ISM); TERRORISM ENTERPRISE INVESTIGATION (TEI)

#### I. PREDICATION

The International Solidarity Movement (ISM) states that it "utilizes nonviolent, direct-action methods of resistance to confront and challenge illegal Israeli occupation forces and policies....we recognize the Palestinian right to resist Israeli violence and occupation via legitimate armed struggle." "This movement aims to support and strengthen the Palestinian popular resistance by providing the Palestinian people with a resource, international protection and a voice, with which to resist nonviolently an overwhelmingly military occupation force." considers Palestine to be ancestral land within the State of Israel to be illegally occupied by the IDF and the Government of Israel (GOI). A key element of the ISM is a network of organizations located throughout the United States that support the ISM in its mission. U.S. citizens who are members of these support groups travel to the Palestinian Territories as part of the ISM.

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#### II. BACKGROUND

(U) ISM was founded in 2001 by and several Palestinian individuals, including also was a co-founder of ISM. are the leading figures of ISM within the United States.

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- (U) ISM claims to be a movement, not an organization, and welcomes all organizations, groups, and/or individuals who agree with ISM's principles. According to their own brochure, "ISM is not an organization, but rather a movement which all organizations, groups and/or individuals who agree with our principles can join." "Many ISM support groups around the world assist the ISM by disseminating information, recruiting and training individuals to join us." As a result there is a large number of smaller, local groups that fall under the greater ISM umbrella of the ISM movement.
- (U) ISM Support Groups are based throughout the US and are predominantly made up of U.S. born, Christian and even Jewish persons. Many of these individuals are anarchists who have adopted the Palestinian cause instead of (or usually in addition to) other popular anarchist causes, such as ecological and animal liberation, the anti-war movement, the anti-capitalist movement, etc. Similar to other anarchist groups, the ISM Support Groups

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operate more as a movement than an organization, with no identified chain-of-command or leadership. Multiple identified ISM members are also known to be members of other Domestic Terrorism organizations or movements.

- (U) The ISM Support Groups go by many names, such as Stop U.S. Tax-Funded Aid to Israel Now (SUSTAIN), Direct Action Palestine, and the Palestinian Solidarity Movement. ISM purposefully keeps itself loose-knit in order to make it more difficult to trace their activities and funding.
- ISM organizes direct actions in Palestine and coordinates the travel and activities of "internationals." Internationals for ISM's purposes are people from any country other than Israel (including U.S. citizens) who support ISM and are willing to travel to Palestine and engage in direct action such as dismantling roadblocks, intervening at Israeli checkpoints, reporting on the location and activities of Israeli forces, commandeering checkpoints, and serving as a human shields for Palestinians. ISM's goal is to take advantage of their belief that the Israeli authorities are hesitant to retaliate against the internationals out of fear of a political backlash or loss of international support. ISM hosts "Campaigns against the Israeli occupation of Palestine." The first campaign in Palestine was in August 2001, and a "Summer Campaign" in Palestine has been organized by ISM every summer since, with the most recent Summer Campaign in Palestine being held from June 25, 2004 - August 19, 2004. ISM campaigns are not limited to the summer time. Others have been hosted throughout the past years, including the Fall Olive Harvest Campaign in 2004.

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(U) The basic working groups of the campaign actions in the Palestinian Territories are "affinity groups." Affinity groups are self-reliant groups of 5-20 people who can be the basic planning and decision making bodies for an action. Affinity groups may consist of friends, co-workers, people who have a common identity or purpose, people who share a language, etc. If someone has not created their own affinity group, then they can join one before they participate in their first action.

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(U) ISM leaders and members are known to liaise with Hamas, Popular Front For The Liberation Of Palestine (PFLP) and Islamic Jihad activists when in Israel. Arraf and Shapiro wrote in "The Palestinian Chronicle Weekly Journal," "The Palestinian resistance must take on a variety of characteristics - both nonviolent and violent. But most importantly it must develop a strategy involving both aspects. No other successful nonviolent movement was able to achieve what it did without a concurrent violent movement...the Black Panther Movement and its earlier incarnations existed side-by-side with the Civil Rights Movement in the U.S."

### A. CRIMINAL ACTS CONDUCTED BY ISM MEMBERS/ASSOCIATES

(U) LAFO opened a Neutrality investigation on 07/08/2003 in order to investigate the activities of four residents of the Los Angeles Division who are affiliated with ISM. The predicate violation of this investigation is Title 18 USC 956(b), dealing with the damage of a friendly nation's property, which in this case belonged to the Government of Israel. The four subjects had traveled to Israel with ISM, and provided assistance to Palestinians engaged in acts of resistance and property destruction against the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) in the "Occupied Territories" of Palestine. The subjects of the Neutrality investigation were

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The investigation was closed on 05/06/2004 following a declination of prosecution from the U.S. Attorney's Office based on lack of prosecutive priority.

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- (U) The article "Frontpage Helps Get Peace Activist Deported from Israel" (Lee Kaplan and David Bedein, Front Page Magazine, September 2, 2004) stated that during the summer of 2004, seventy three (73) ISM members were caught and legally deported at Israel's frontiers. The article stated that there were approximately one hundred (100) ISM members from the United States that went to Israel in 2003. The article also stated that an unidentified reporter attended an ISM training seminar held at the Faisal Internet Hostel near the Damascus Gate in Jerusalem. The training contained the following activities planned for the ISM Freedom Summer 2004:
- (U) "Roadblock Removal: ISM members were instructed to dig out piles of rocks and dirt that the IDF uses as roadblocks to stop suicide bombers. This would be done by hand, but "local coordinators" promised to arrange for a bulldozer whenever possible. The local coordinators are organized by the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) in each area to coordinate actions with the ISM."
- (U) "Hassle Checkpoints: Groups of three to four ISM members were instructed to observe IDF checkpoints of their choosing and to distract and "hassle the soldiers," so as to allow Palestinians to bypass checkpoints whenever possible."
- (U) "Human Shields: ISM members were asked to join Palestinians in sneaking around checkpoints, breaking curfew and protesting. ISM trainers advised that "the checkpoint watch will get more heated when ISM members argue with soldiers in an attempt to get Palestinians through."
- (U) "ISM trainers advised that when Palestinians could not get through, they should act as "human shields for Palestinians", to help them pass. In the words of one ISM trainer, "Soldiers will be less likely to shoot or use violence when Westerners are present. Usually, they also carry a camera or video camera, because filming soldiers often makes them leave."
- (U) "ISM members were also encouraged to act as human shields and stay in the family homes of terrorists, or in houses scheduled for destruction..." The article went on to speculate that some of these houses might have been used for bomb making factories.



- (U) "Observing Troop Movements: ISM trainers assigned some of the volunteers to engage in "Spotting and reporting IDF troops in military operations and reporting their whereabouts to armed Palestinian units.""
- The article stated that Hisham Jam Joun, the chief ISM trainer in Jerusalem, introduced himself at the Faisal Internet Hostel as a veteran fighter for the PFLP. Jam Joun "stressed that the ISM's main strategy is to use citizens from other countries against the Israeli army." "Jam Joun also said Palestinian terrorists distinguish ISM participants from other Westerners who could be considered threats or targets because ISM has many contacts throughout the West Bank and Gaza, and contacts in every village that inform various terrorist groups operating or living in those areas who is working with them. He said the ISM does not interfere with the actions of terrorist groups; however, occasionally a wanted terrorist will pass by ISM meetings or outposts and ISM members are instructed to be courteous and exchange greetings."
- There have been multiple incidents where U.S. citizens who traveled to Israel and the Palestinian Territories as ISM activists have been arrested or detained by the Israeli Defense Force (IDF). One such arrest occurred on 03/27/2003, when the IDF was pursuing Shadi Sukia, a member of Islamic Jihad who was alleged to be involved in the recruitment of suicide bombers, laying land mines, and sniping. Sukia fled to a building that served as the ISM office in Jenin. The ISM coordinator in the office, Susan Barclay, refused to allow entry to the IDF. As a result the IDF entered the office and arrested both Sukia and Barclay. In addition, according to an article written by Greg Yardley (Solidarity With Terrorists, Front Page Magazine, April 17, 2003) a search of the ISM premises following the arrests uncovered a pistol and a cache of Kalashnikov rifles. Subsequent media reporting has stated that the IDF has since recanted on the weapons discovery. However, LAFO has not yet acquired an official report on this incident from the Israeli authorities. Barclay was deported following the arrest.

(U) FBI Dallas has identified U.S. citizer a self-admitted ISM member, who traveled to Israel

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	B. KEY ISM LEADERS/ASSOCIATES	
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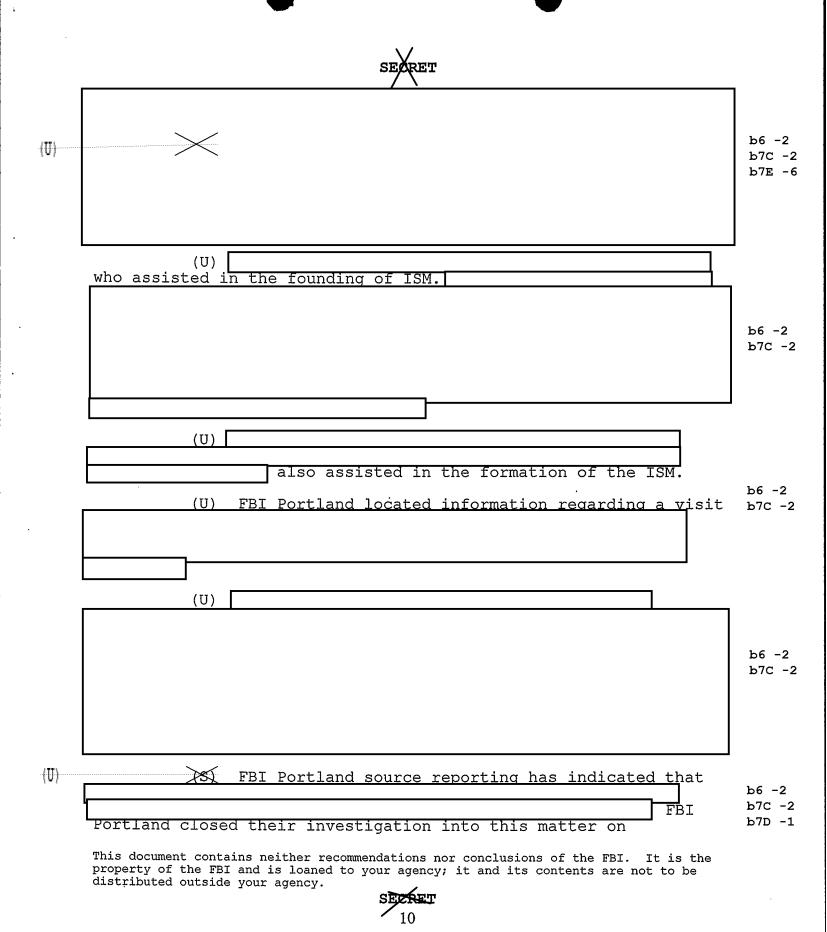
for the U.S. Campaign To End The Israeli Occupation (USCEIO). The USCEIO is a coalition of organizations whose purpose is to protest U.S. support of the Israeli Separation Barrier, to protest the Caterpillar company for providing bulldozers to Israel, to promote divestment of U.S. institutions from Israel, to support the Palestinian right of return, and to link opposition to Israel's occupation to the war in Iraq. According to the USCEIO's web page, its Non-Violent Direct Action Task Force was going to begin to provide training and educational opportunities for those interested in non-violent direct action

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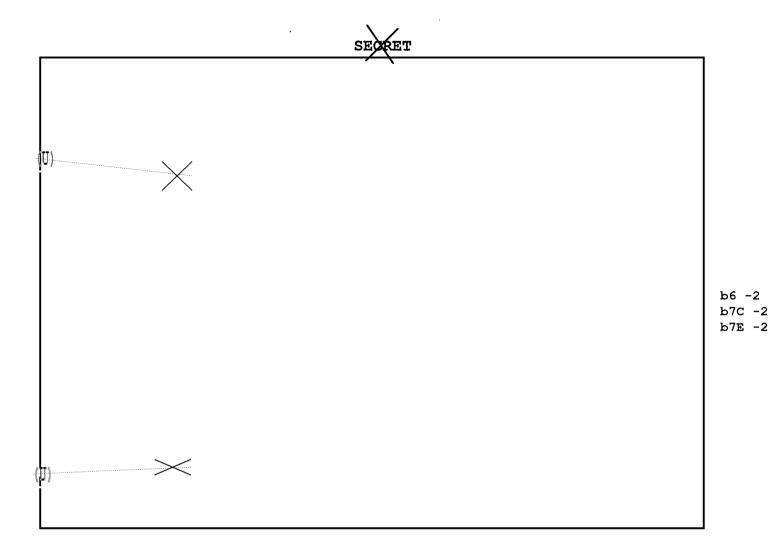
in the Fall of 2004. Several groups that are associated with ISM have also signed on to the USCEIO, including Direct Action Palestine, Boston to Palestine, Middle East Children's Alliance, Palestine Solidarity Committee, and the Palestine Right to Return Coalition (Al-Awda).

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# C. FINANCES

(U) Up until October 7, 2004, ISM was soliciting 501c donations and was requesting that financial contributions be sent to the following addresses:

Africa Fund
c/o
1212 w Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009

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Bank Hapoalim - Main Branch Tel Aviv 600
Account No. 360883
Swift HAPOALILIT
Palestine Investment Bank
76-411
Account No. 78266

(U) According to ISM's website, as of October 7, 2004 ISM was requesting that tax-deductible donations be sent to:

Middle East Children's Alliance (MECA) 905 Parker Street Berkeley, California, 94710

Telephone: (510) 548-0542

- (U) Checks were requested to be made out to MECA with "ISM Pal" written in as the memo.
- (U) ISM participates in fund-raising events, often along with other Islamic organizations. On 10/13/2004, an event was scheduled in Berkeley, California in which Palestinian and Israeli doctors were going to speak on the health effects of the occupation on civilians. Tickets for the event cost between \$10 and \$20 and proceeds would benefit MECA and the ISM.

In October 2003 a fund-raiser was held for the

Half the funds raised at
the fund-raiser would go to Birzeit University's music
department, in Israel, where it would be administered by

of TSM. In turn

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both of which
are being investigated by the FBI for possible ties to terrorist
funding, in the Palestinian areas.

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(U) It was announced at the Fourth National Conference of the PSM at Duke University in October, 2004, that scholarships for travel to Israel with ISM could be obtained from Direct Action Palestine. Direct Action Palestine is a New York based ISM Support Group.



### D. GEOGRAPHICAL DIMENSIONS

(U) There are a variety of ISM Support Groups located throughout the United States. The following groups and contacts have been established as falling under the ISM umbrella:

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CALIFORNIA

-Los Angeles

USA (GENERAL)

Stop U.S. Tax-Funded Aid to Israel Now - Los Angeles (SUSTAIN-LA) sustain la@yahoo.com

lasolidarity@yahoo.com

Palestine Solidarity Committee P.O. Box 3345 South Pasadena, CA 91031 PalSolidarity@aol.com

American Friends Service Committee Pacific Southwest Region Middle East Education Program 980 N. Fair Oaks Avenue Pasadena, CA 91103 (626) 791-1978 b6 -3 b7C -3



### -San Francisco

Northern California Support Group of the International Solidarity Movement www.norcalism.org info@norcalism.com

### COLORADO

#### -Denver

Colorado Campaign for Middle East Peace 901 West 14th Avenue, Suite 7 Denver, CO 80204 www.ccmep.org ccmep\_organizer@yahoo.com (720) 956-0700

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### FLORIDA

ISM Florida flpalsolidarity@riseup.net

#### ILLINOIS

-Chicago

ISM Chicago

ISMinChicago@aol.com

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## -Bridgeview

Islamic Association for Palestine P.O. Box 1163 Bridgeview, IL 60455 (708) 307-2937 iapinfo@iap.org



#### LOUISIANA

-New Orleans

NOLA Palestine Solidarity www.nolaps.org admin@nolapalestinesolidarity.org

### MASSACHUSETTS

-Boston

Boston to Palestine www.bcpr.org/b2p bostontopalestine@palsolidarity.org

#### MICHIGAN

Michigan Peace Team www.michiganpeaceteam.org michiganpeaceteam@comcast.net

-Ann Arbor	
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NEW JERSEY	
New Jersey Solidarity www.newjerseysolidarity.org info@newjerseysolidarity.org	
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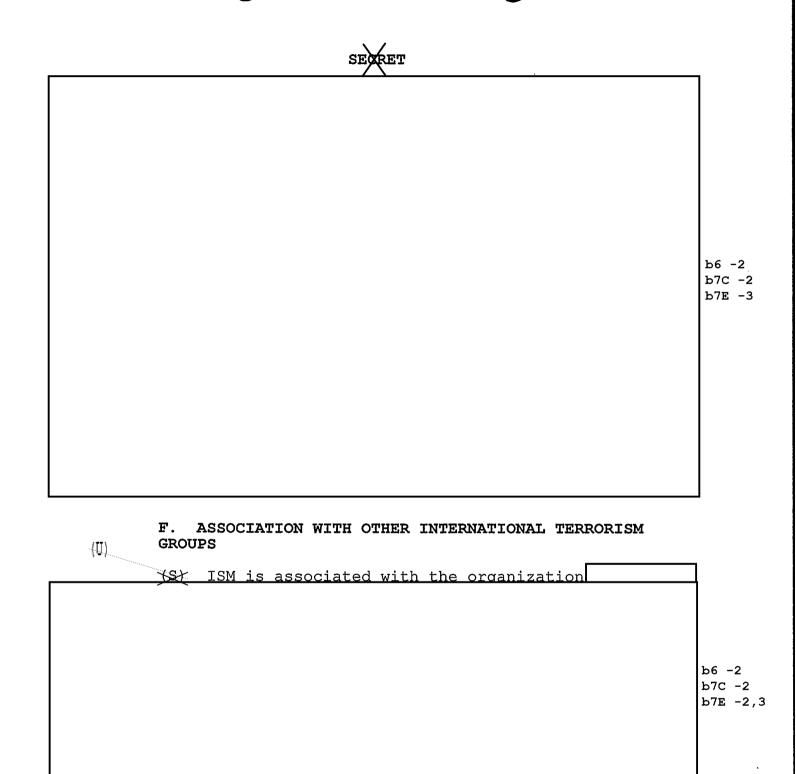
Direct Action Palestine dap nyc@hotmail.com www.dapnyc.org

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-Olympia	<pre>info@ismolympia.org www.ismolympia.org</pre>	
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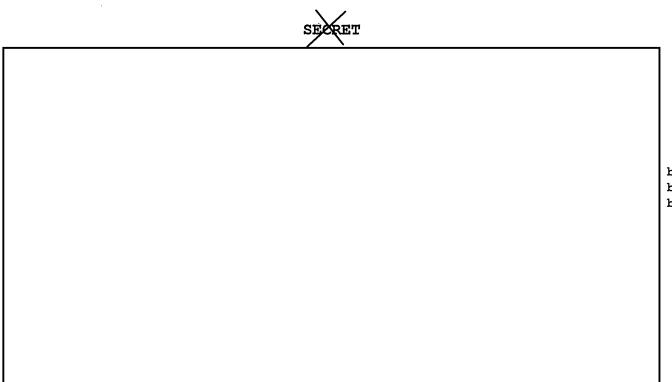


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(U)	the ISM member who traveled to Israel and	ъ6 −3 ъ7С −3
(U)	On 04/30/2003, British citizen Asif Mohammed Hanif killed himself and three bystanders and wounded forty in a suicide bombing at Mike's Place, a Tel Aviv cafe. One of those killed was William J. Baxter, a U.S. citizen. The bomb belt of a second attacker, Omar Khan Sharif, malfunctioned and he fled the scene. Sharif's body was found off a beach in Israel on 05/12/2003. The incident is the subject of a Washington Field Office investigation.	
	Prior to the attack Hanif and Sharif spent time with ISM activists in Gaza.	ļ
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	ISM claims that any	
	ISM events that Hanif and Sharif attended were open to the public and that the two never registered with ISM, either in London or in Gaza.	
	(U) article "Enemy With A Human Face" (Front Page Magazine, 09/02/2003) reported that the travel arrangements for Hanif and Sharif were made by a travel agency called Alternative Tourism,	b6 -2,3
	in founding the ISM.	b7C −2,3
{U}	A list of email headers for Omar Kreger (USPER) for a period from 08/05/2003 - 09/16/2003 revealed that Kreger had been in contact with palsolidarity@yahoogroups.com. This is the Yahoo Group listed for ISM on its webpage. Kreger is the subject of a Full Field Investigation out of Minneapolis based on his associations with Minneapolis subjects who are supporters of	

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(U) There are also indications that ISM may begin to broaden their focus to include what the movement defines as the "occupation" of Iraq by the U.S., to include ISM members traveling to Iraq. This topic was also a prominent one along with the Israeli/Palestinian conflict during Fourth National	
Conference of the PSM.	b6 -2 b7C -2
III. INVESTIGATIVE RESULTS	
(U) Since	b7E -2,5
In addition, LAFO has received reporting from multiple other FBI Divisions who are also gathering information on the ISM.	
(U) LAFO interviewed	
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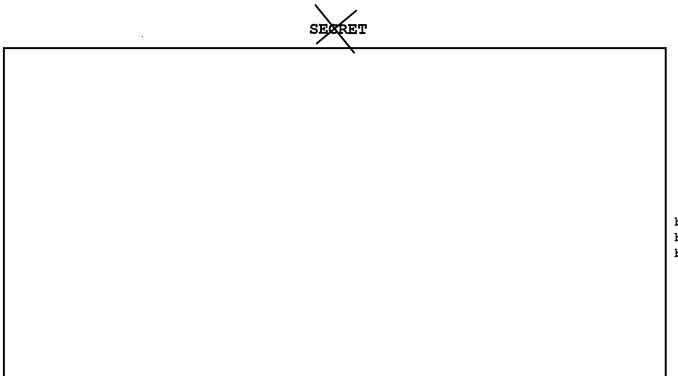
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(U) Every year for the last four years there has been a National Student Conference of the Palestinian Solidarity Movement. The Palestinian Solidarity Movement (PSM) is another name for the ISM. The Fourth National Student Conference of the Palestinian Solidarity Movement occurred on October 15-17, 2004, at Duke University.

were listed on the website for the Fourth National Conference of the PSM as spokespersons for the conference.

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(U) The article "Activists, Palestinians break through fence near Tul Karm" appeared on 08/02/2004 on the Haaretz news service. The article reported that ISM and an Israeli group known as Anarchists Against the Fence (AAF) successfully broke through the separation fence in the West Bank village of Kafr Zeita. This was reportedly the first time that demonstrators have managed to break through the barrier.

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# IV. JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUATION OF INVESTIGATION

- (U) Justification for continuing to investigate the ISM is based on the following:
- (U) 1. ISM members are committing a criminal act by domestically planning and organizing trips to Israel with the intent to damage Israeli property.
- (U) 2. ISM members have aligned themselves with subjects and organizations that are associated with domestic terrorism

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- (U) 3. ISM members have openly aligned themselves with subjects and organizations that are associated with international terrorism, including Hamas, PFLP, and Islamic Jihad, and investigation has indicated that ISM members are providing material support to these groups.
- (U) 4. ISM members have made statements in support of violent terrorist acts.
- (U) 5. Investigation indicates that ISM members are committing other crimes in relation to these associations, such as document fraud.
- (U) 6. ISM has purposely interfered with Israel's efforts to confront designated terrorist organizations within its own borders.
- (U) 7. Investigation indicates that ISM may begin to utilize violent direct action techniques against U.S. corporations that maintain business ties with Israel.
- (U) 8. Members of the ISM are involved in both DT and IT matters which are inextricably interconnected, in effect creating a hybrid, third category of JTTF investigation uniquely benefitted by the TEI.



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on the International Solidarity Movement (ISM).	b7E -2
(U) The following sources are referenced in the enclosed LHM:	
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(U) The following FBI cases are referenced in the enclosed LHM:	
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(U) Based on the facts and circumstances which are presented in the LHM, the Los Angeles Division requests FBIHQ

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